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**IN THE CLAIMS**

1                   The following amendments to the claims are made pursuant to the requirements of  
2                   37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c). A claim listing is provided beginning on the next page of this  
3                   response.

4                   Please cancel claims 1-16 without prejudice or disclaimer, as these claims are the  
5                   subject of a restriction requirement.

6                   Please AMEND the first occurrence of claim "22" and CANCEL the second  
7                   occurrence of claim "22" as set forth below.

8                   Please add new claims 32-39 as set forth below.

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1 - 16. (canceled)

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1        17. (previously presented) A method of content delivery operative in a content  
2 delivery network on behalf of participating content providers, the content delivery network  
3 comprising a set of content servers, and wherein participating content providers identify  
4 given content to be delivered over the content delivery network, comprising:  
5            having a participating content provider associate a content provider domain or  
6 subdomain with a domain managed by a content delivery network service provider;  
7            for a given piece of content, specifying, as metadata, a given content control  
8 requirement;  
9            communicating the metadata for the given piece of content to the set of content  
10 servers;  
11           resolving a client query to the content provider domain or subdomain to an IP  
12 address of a given content server in the set of content servers using the domain managed  
13 by the content delivery network service provider; and  
14           at the given content server, applying the given content control requirement  
15 specified in the metadata prior to serving the given piece of content.

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1        18. (previously presented) The method as described in Claim 17 wherein the  
2 content provider domain or subdomain is associated with the domain managed by the  
3 content delivery network service provider through a DNS canonical name.

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- 1        19. (previously presented) The method as described in Claim 17 wherein the
- 2        metadata is communicated to the set of content servers in a header.
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- 1        20. (previously presented) The method as described in Claim 17 wherein the
- 2        metadata is communicated to the set of content servers in a configuration file.
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- 1 21. (previously presented) The method as described in Claim 20 wherein the
- 2 configuration file is provisioned via an extranet application.

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1        22. (first occurrence, currently amended) The method as described in Claim 17  
2    wherein the given content control requirement enforces a given authentication method or a  
3    given access control method.

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5        22. (second occurrence, canceled)

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1           23. (previously presented) The method as described in Claim 17 wherein the  
2 metadata is a request metadata component.  
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1           24. (previously presented) The method as described in Claim 17 wherein the  
2        metadata is a response metadata component.  
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1        25. (previously presented) A method of content delivery operative in a content  
2 delivery network on behalf of participating content providers, the content delivery network  
3 comprising a set of content servers, and wherein participating content providers identify  
4 given content to be delivered over the content delivery network, comprising:

5                having a participating content provider alias a content provider domain to a domain  
6 managed by a content delivery network service provider, wherein the content provider  
7 domain is part of a URL identifying a given piece of content published by the participating  
8 content provider;

9                for the given piece of content, specifying, as metadata, a given content control  
10 requirement;

11                resolving a client query to the content provider domain to an IP address of a given  
12 content server in the set of content servers using the domain managed by the content  
13 delivery network service provider; and

14                at the given content server, applying the given content control requirement  
15 specified in the metadata prior to serving the given piece of content.

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1           26. (previously presented) The method as described in Claim 25 further  
2 including the step of communicating the metadata to the set of content servers.  
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1           27. (previously presented) The method as described in Claim 26 wherein the  
2 metadata is communicated to the set of content servers via a configuration file.  
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1        28. (previously presented) The method as described in Claim 25 wherein the  
2        given content control requirement invokes a security mechanism.  
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1        29. (currently amended) The method as described in Claim 25 wherein the  
2        given piece of content is one of: a markup language page, an embedded object of a markup  
3        language page, a media file, and a software download.

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1        30. (currently amended) The method as described in Claim 25 17 wherein the  
2        given piece of content is an embedded object of a markup language page one of: a markup  
3        language page, an embedded object of a markup language page, a media file, and a  
4        software download.

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1        31. (previously presented) The method as described in Claim 25 wherein the  
2        alias is a DNS canonical name (CNAME).

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Please add the following new claims:

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1           32. (new) The method as described in Claim 17 wherein the metadata is  
2   communicated to the set of content servers in one of: a request string, a header, and a  
3   configuration file.

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1       33. (new) A method of content delivery operative in a content delivery  
2 network on behalf of participating content providers, the content delivery network  
3 comprising a set of content servers and a domain name service (DNS), and wherein a  
4 participating content provider identifies given content to be delivered over the content  
5 delivery network by aliasing a content provider domain or subdomain to a domain  
6 managed by a content delivery network service provider, comprising:  
7           for a given piece of content, specifying, as metadata, a given content control  
8 requirement to be applied to the given piece of content when the given piece of content is  
9 served from the content delivery network;  
10          communicating the metadata for the given piece of content to the set of content  
11 servers in the content delivery network;  
12          resolving a client query to the content provider domain or subdomain to an IP  
13 address of a given content server in the set of content servers by having the domain name  
14 service resolve the domain managed by the content delivery network service provider;  
15          at the given content server, applying the given content control requirement  
16 specified in the metadata; and  
17          serving the given piece of content from the given content server after the given  
18 content control requirement has been applied.

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1       34. (new) The method as described in Claim 33 wherein the metadata is  
2       communicated to the set of content servers in the content delivery network by one of: a  
3       request string, a header, and a configuration file.

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1           35. (new) The method as described in Claim 34 wherein the configuration file  
2 is provisioned via an extranet application.  
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1       36. (new) The method as described in Claim 33 wherein the given content  
2       control requirement enforces a given authentication method.  
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1           37. (new) The method as described in Claim 33 wherein the given content  
2   control requirement enforces a given access control method.  
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1        38. (new) The method as described in Claim 33 wherein the given content  
2    control requirement invokes a security mechanism.  
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1       39. (new) The method as described in Claim 33 wherein the given piece of  
2 content is one of: a markup language page, an embedded object of a markup language  
3 page, a streaming media file, and a software download.

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